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1. LA NACION THIS MORNING AUGUST 23, REPORTED STATEMENT BY FONMIN FACIO THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT ODUBER TO ACCELERATE EFFORTS FOR AN OAS MEETING TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF RAISING SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA. THE REPORT STATES THAT THE PRESIDENT IS CONCERNED, IN VIEW OF PANAMA'S ACTION, THAT FURTHER UNILATERAL DECISIONS MAY FOLLOW WHICH WOULD ENDANGER THE RIO TREATY UNLESS THE OAS DEFINES A NEW POLICY TOWARD CUBA. THE ARTICLE REPORTS THAT FACIO HAS BEEN IN TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH HIS COLOMBIAN AND VENEZULEAN COLLEAGUES TO ARRANGE FOR AN OAS MEETING ON CUBA QTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNQTE. FOR HIS PART, ODUBER IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT FACIO, TOGETHER WITH HIS COLOMBIAN AND VENEZUELAN COLLEAGUES, MAY TRAVEL SOON TO WASHINGTON TO INITIATE OAS ACTION PERSONALLY.

2. COMMENT: I CALLED MARIO BLANCO TO ASK WHETHER THIS REPORT REPRESENTED ANY CHANGE IN THE COSTA RICAN POSITION AS GIVEN TO ME YESTERDAY BY FACIO. HE REPLIED THAT IT
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DID NOT AND THAT THE QUESTION OF THE TIMING OF AN OAS

MEETING STILL REMAINS FOR CONSULTATION WITH COLOMBIA AND
VENEZUELA. HE CONFIRMED THAT FACIO WILL NOW TRAVEL TO
BOGOTA ON MONDAY, AUGUST 26 BOGOTA'S 7526).
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